

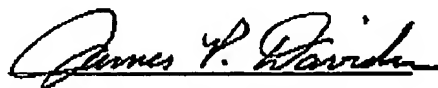
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the inventive subject matter (i.e., two alternative engine configurations are shown in Figures 1 and 12 and two alternative detonation passage arrangements are shown in Figures 9 and 10). Accordingly, Applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species by selecting one of the alternative engine configurations and by further selecting one of the alternative passage arrangements. Applicants are additionally required to list all claims readable on the elected species including any claims subsequently added.

While Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirements imposed by the Examiner, and particularly those involving only a single elected species (since claim 1 is indeed generic), they hereby elect the engine configuration shown in Figure 1 and the passage configuration shown in Figure 9. The claims associated with such species include claims 1-19, 22-29 and 35 (claims 20-21 relate to the passage configuration in Figure 10 and claim 36 relates to the engine configuration in Figure 12).

In light of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe they have satisfied their obligations under 35 U.S.C. §121 and hereby request that the examiner move forward with his examination of the application and particularly the claims elected above. Should the examiner have any questions or desire to discuss this case in more detail, he is encouraged to contact James P. Davidson, Esq. At (513) 505-0992.

Respectfully submitted,



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